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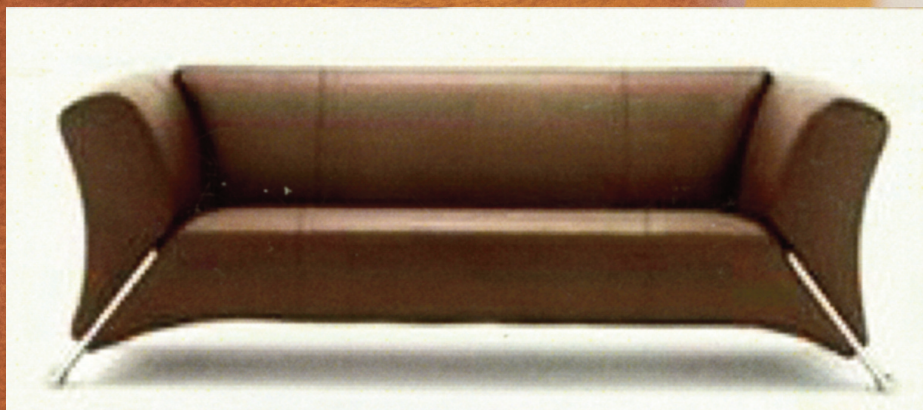
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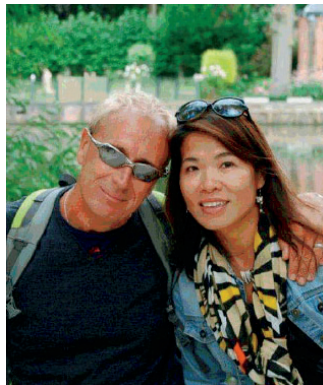


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Obituaries

Rodney Hammond was born June 14, 1956. He passed away in the UK on August 13, 2020 at the age of 64. Services were held September 9 in Grantham, UK. His beloved wife Ivy Yuan preceded him in death on May 22, 2020. He is survived by his daughter Victoria Hammond and his son Benjamin Hammond, grandchildren Ché Holton, London Hammond, and Melodee Hammond, his sisters Margaret and Daphne and his brother Danny and his nephew James Cady.



Rodney's favorite photo with his wife.

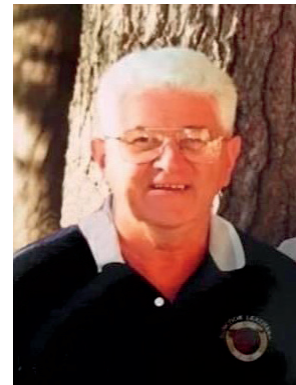
Mr. Rodney Hammond was a 1977 Graduate of National College London, where he studied Chemistry & Leather technology. In 1977 he joined the Barrow Hepburn Leather Company in the United Kingdom and worked in a number of technical positions within that group of companies including Bjorlow Leather, Hodson Tanners & Walker Leather Factories. In 1980 Mr. Hammond emigrated to the USA and joined Granite State Leather in Nashua, New Hampshire as Technical Superintendent. In 1984 Mr. Hammond joined Bayer Corporation and subsequently held the positions of Technical Sales Representative, Product Manager leather chemicals, Regional Business Manager Leather & Textile coatings for North, Central & South America. In 1996 Mr. Hammond joined Seton Company and subsequently held the positions of Plant Manager Seton Newark, Managing Director Seton Europe, President Seton Argentina and in 1999 he was appointed VP Manufacturing-Americas. In September 2004 he moved to Singapore to be Managing Director for the Asia Pacific Region of Stahl until March 2007. In April 2007 he returned to the United States to work as VP and General Manager for Asia and the Americas for Seton Company until 2010. He then moved to Seoul, Korea to be the Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Managing Director for Chokwang Leather Co. until June of 2012. In February of 2013 he moved to Guangdong, China to be Chief Operating Officer for Impactiva S. de R.L. until July of 2015. For over ten years he was the owner of Harmony Base Enterprises Limited in the British Virgin Islands.

Rodney published several papers in various technical journals and made numerous presentations over the years. He was a past board member of the New England Tanners Club.

Rodney joined the ALCA 1986 and served as VP Elect from June 2002 to June 2003, Vice President from June of 2003 to 2004, and then as President from June 2004 to October 2004 when he moved out of the country and felt he needed to resign as President. He also served the ALCA as the chair of the 2002 Fred O'Flaherty Service Award Committee and chair of the 2005 Lollar Prize Paper Award Committee.

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Thomas William Krisko, 82, of Exeter, formerly of Hampton and Peabody, Mass. died, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a period of failing health.



He was born in Peabody, Mass. on Nov. 24, 1937. Tom graduated from Peabody High School with the Class of 1955 where he excelled in football as a quarterback. He was also a graduate of the former Bentley College of Accounting.

Tom spent most of his adult life working in the leather industry. He worked for Pearse Leather for 27 years. When Pearse relocated to Hampton in 1965, Tom became the general manager, a post he held until 1981. He then worked at various leather plants in Manchester, N.H., Saxton, Penn., Omaha, Neb., and finally, Suncook Leathers Inc. from which he retired in 2004. His next career was as a Professional Driver for eight years. Tom was proud of his expertise in leather and he enjoyed all of the relationships he formed while working in the industry. As a driver, he enjoyed meeting new people and also getting to drive all over the USA.

An avid golfer, Tom was a former member of Abeniqui Country Club in Rye where he served as vice president in the 1970s. He enjoyed watching all types of sports. Most of all, he was a very social person and loved spending time with his family, friends and his beloved wife, Lorraine R. (FitzGerald) Krisko of Exeter, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife he leaves five children, Cheryl Robison and husband Jim of Austin, Texas; Diane Kamieneski and husband Gary of Hampton; Barbara Gagne and husband Michael of Hampton; Thomas Krisko of Nebraska City, Neb.; Linda Aurandt and husband Michael of Jacksonville, Fla.; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his two brothers, Peter and Henry Krisko of Peabody, Mass. and many nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to AstraZeneca Hope Lodge Boston, 125 Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.



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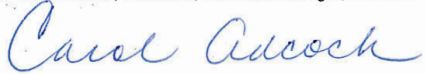
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